THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) : (a) The total export of iron ore during the last three years is estimated to have been as under :—

Year	Qty. in million tonnes.
1989-90	35.56
1990-91	32.49
1991-92	29.25

(Source : DGCI&S)

(b) The total import of useable steel during the last three years has been as under :—

Year	Qty. in million tonnes.
1989-90	1.47
1990-91	1.28
1991-92	1.04

(NB : Imports from major ports only).

Change in stand on Patent Rights

553. SHRI ASHIS SEN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any change in Government's stand on patent rights banks and insurance companies as desired by USA; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) : (a) and (b) Intellectual property rights, including patent rights, are being negotiated in the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations. In December 1991 Director General GATT had put forward comprehensive proposals, including suggestions on subjects on which agreement could not be reached among participating countries, such as intellectual property rights. The Uruguay Round negotiations are still in progress.

In the negotiations on Services in the Uruguay Round, the frame-work agreement envisages an exchange of market access concessions among participating countries. Like other participants India has also made an initial and conditional offer on market access in services.

The sectors in which India has made an offer are engineering services, computer-related services, research and development services, technical testing and analysis services, value-added telecommunication services, construction of roads and bridges, hospital services, hotels and other lodging services, motion picture and video distribution services, travel agency and tour operator services and international freight transportation by air, apart from certain financial services.

In financial services, the offer covers marine freight insurance and reinsurance These areas of insurance are already open to foreign service providers and the intention is to commit ourselves to continued access at existing levels. The offer on insurance includes services auxiliary to insurance operations, i.e. brokerage, risk management, survey and loss adjustment.

Improvements, if any, to our initial and conditional offer may be considered by the inclusion of some more areas of financial services like merchant banknig (limited to management of and participation in issues of securities, underwriting and placement as agents and provision of services related to such issues, loan syndication, corporate counselling and project appraisal and evaluation); financial consultancy services, factoring, venture capital, financial leasing and credit rating. Professional services like advertising, accounting and architectural services and general management and consultancy services and construction work for industrial buildings and townships may also be included in the improved offer.

गेहूं का निर्यात एवं आयात

554. **डा. बापू कालिदास** : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि 1 जनवरी, 1992 के बाद सरकार ने गेहूं का बड़ी मात्रा में निर्यात किया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस कालावधि में कितना गेहूं निर्यात किया गया और किस दर पर निर्यात किया गया;